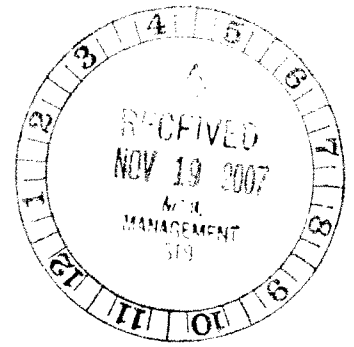




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**VERIFIED STATEMENT  
OF  
PAUL D. SWEEDEN  
On behalf of  
A & R Transport, Inc.**

My name is Paul D. Sweeden. I am Vice President, Business Development, of A & R Transport, Inc. I am writing to express the support of my company for Canadian National's (CN) proposed acquisition of the EJ&E West Company ("EJ&EW"), and to request that the Surface Transportation Board treat the acquisition as a "minor" transaction.

I have been employed by A & R Transport, Inc. for 32 years, serving in various capacities. I previously supervised all operations. In my present position, which I have held for the past 10 years, I am responsible for business development.

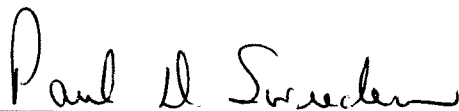
A & R Transport, Inc. is the premier bulk carrier of plastics in the continental United States. We operate 14 rail yards spread throughout the United States. Over 4,000 train car loads per year utilize our transloading capabilities and other services. Our trucking, material handling, logistics, warehousing and distribution services are utilized by more than 500 prominent customers per year.

Our largest transloading yard is located along with our corporate offices in Morris, Illinois. The Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway (EJ&E) serves this facility, and our customers receive rail service from EJ&E. (The Morris terminal is also served very infrequently by the CSX railroad.) EJ&E's rail service is a key component in the coordination of A & R Transport's various services including warehousing, trucking, distribution, and logistics.

We understand that Canadian National is requesting authority to acquire and operate the EJ&EW, and that EJ&EW will control most of the rail lines of the present EJ&E. We strongly support CN's application as we believe the combined company would offer improved efficiency for movements through the Chicago area and a larger single-line rail network for our customers. We believe that our customers will benefit from the increased capacities and efficiencies in rail service that would result from CN's acquisition of EJ&E, as well as from the greater reach of the CN system.

As the CN and EJ&E systems complement one another, rather than compete, we urge the Board to follow its rules and classify the proposed transaction as "minor" so that we and our customers can begin to realize the substantial benefits of the proposed transaction as soon as possible.

I, Paul D. Sweeden, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Further, I certify that I am qualified and authorized to file this verified statement. Executed on November 14, 2007.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul D. Sweeden", written in dark ink.

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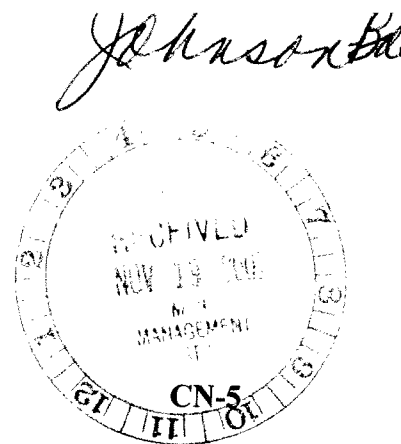
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## **BY HAND DELIVERY**

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**Re: Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation –  
Control – EJ&E West Company (STB Finance Docket No. 35087)**

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed are the signed originals, and 10 copies, of nine additional statements in support of the transaction proposed in the Railroad Control Application (CN-2, filed October 30, 2007). These include statements by the following:

- A&R Transport, Inc.
- Behr Iron & Steel, Inc.
- Consolidated Grain and Barge
- Hapag-Lloyd (America) Inc.
- Louisiana Pacific Corporation
- Major-Prime Plastics, Inc.
- Ozinga Bros., Inc.
- Parkdale International Ltd.
- Verso Paper

These supplement the sixteen statements of support filed with the application.

Very truly yours,

Paul A. Cunningham

Counsel for Canadian National Railway Company  
and Grand Trunk Corporation

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